

Preaching Elder R. Rubino

Sermon Outline for Sunday, April 4, 2021

Sermon: "Are You Sure I'm The Crazy One?" Resurrection Sunday Sermon 2021

### **I Text:**

Old Covenant: *Isaiah 53*

New Covenant: *1 Corinthians 15:1-34*

### **II Doctrine:**

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### **III Comparing Scripture With Scripture:**

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3) All true believers will rise from the dead just like the Lord Jesus Christ. We already have victory, and on the last day we will meet our God and enjoy life everlasting. Complete victory in Christ is when the last enemy death is defeated for those that believe. (*1 Corinthians 15:20-34; Isaiah 53*)